

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 15-09

COMMENTING ON THE 2015-16 ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”) to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to “oversee [Erie] County’s budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required step toward fiscal stability;” and

WHEREAS, section 3951 of the New York Public Authorities Law (“Public Authorities Law”) defines a “covered organization” as “any governmental agency, public authority or public benefit corporation which receives or may receive moneys directly, indirectly or contingently from the County;” and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA Board of Directors (“Board”) and staff have reviewed the 2015-16 Erie Community College (“ECC”) budget document, which was adopted by the ECC Board of Trustees and subsequently approved by the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA Board and staff have identified a number of financial risk items for the college including a high reliance on tuition revenues, decreased enrollment, and continued use of fund balance for current and future operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ECFSA encourages ECC to continue to provide a high quality education at an affordable price without placing an undue burden on Erie County taxpayers, and to act strategically to better position itself in its core competency of attracting, retaining and graduating more career-ready and job-compatible students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA directs ECC officials to review the risk items put forward in the ECFSA’s August 7, 2015 report on the ECC budget and financial plan and report back prior to the beginning of the 2016-17 fiscal year on the progress in addressing those risk items.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

James Sampson
Chairman

Date: August 7, 2015